(fo) what are the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH); (a) and (b) The runway is expected to become available for air traffic operations in July, 1987. Work thereon is progressing on schedule.

Submission of the Report of Inquiry into Crash of AN-32

1127. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pieased to state;

(a) whether the report of the Court of Inquiry appointed to inquire into the crash of AN-32 aircraft at Pathankot has been submitted;

(fo) if so, what are the important points raised in the report; and

(c) whether there is a move to appoint another Court of Inquiry as the findings of the previous enquiry were unacceptable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(fo) The Court of Inquiry concluded that the pilot encountered bad weather and turned back. He crashed into a nigh mountain range because he commenced descent prematurely.

(c) No, Sir.

Air Crashing of IAF Planes

1128. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pieased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Air Force plane crashed after catching Are near Baddowal village in Ferozpur District and another IAF aircraft caught fire in mid air and crashed in a farm on the outskirts of Vasai village after taking off from Jamnagar Air Base; and

(b) whether any courts of enquiry have been ordered in the above two aircrashes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. There was no evidence, however, of any inflight fire in either of the accidents.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Sector-wise" Plan Allocation

1129. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKH ERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pieased to state what was the Cen tral Plan outlay and actual expendi ture during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86 for (i)' Irrigation and Flood control (ii) NREP (iii) IRDP (iv) Command area development (v) Vil lage and small-scale industry (vi) self-employment scheme for the edu cated unemployed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM); A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 46].

Gold seized from British Airways Aircraft

1130. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
SHRI V.NARAYANA SAMY:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER *ha* pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge amount of gold with foreign markings was confiscated

from a British Airways aircraft on the llth February at the Delhi airport.

(b) if so, what was the total quantity of gold being smuggled by the airline;

(c) whether any of the British Airways staff has been taken into custody; and

(d) what is the reason for allow ing the aircraft to leave from Delhi though it carried a large quantity of contraband gold?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) On llth February, 1987, in pursuance of an information the Officers of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence. Delhi, checked **at Delhi** Airport a British Airways aircraft which arrived from London via Dubai. As a result, 240 gold biscuits of foreign origin **of** 10 tolas each and valued at Rs. **70** lakhs were recovered- from the panels of one of the toilets of the aircraft. In this connection, two local employees of British Airways were arrested on llth February, 1967.

(b) The aircraft was not seized as the investigation did not, *prima facie,* reveal any involvement on the part of the airline company or crew in the smuggling activities.

Report of the Review Committee of CSIR

1131. SHRI N. E. BALARAM; SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expert committee set up to review the functioning of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are the main re-commendations made in the report and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPART-MENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Review Committee of CSIR has submitted its report t_0 the Gov. ernment.

(b) The recommendations **of** the Committee include among others;

(&) Re-drafting of the charter of CSIR and the laboratories;

(ii) Revamping the management structure of the CSIR and the laboratories;

(iii) Guidelines for selection of R&D projects;

(iv) Increasing the earnings of CSIR;

(v) Measures to improve the mobility of the scientists;

(vi) Training and re-training of personnel;

(vii) Modernisation of laboratories;

(viii) Restructuring of laboratories.

(ix) Transfer of few laboratories to Scientific Departments of Government;

(x) Government policies to—

(a) Promote R&D in industry,

(b) facilities the use of indigenous technology, and